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COMOR-M-29

COMMITTEE ON OVERHEAD RECONNAISSANCE

Minutes of Meeting Held in Room 546
Matomic Building, Central Intelligence Agency
at 9:30 a.m., 1 June 1961

PRESIDING

James Q. Reber
Chairman

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. H. M. Wiedemann, State
Mr. R. Adcock, OSD
Lt. Col. W. C. Herrington, JCS
Col. D. D. Davis, OACSI

Cdr. J. V. Meigs, ONI
Col. J. M. Winterbottom, AFCIN
[redacted] NSA
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CONSULTANTS PRESENT

Lt. Col. J. W. Morris, OACSI
Cdr. H. D. Myles, ONI
Lt. Cdr. R. E. Pyle, ONI
Mr. L. R. Pitt, ONI
Maj. S. J. Moran, AFCIN

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Mr. F. A. Voigt, CIA
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PRESENT FOR SAMOS BRIEFING ONLY

Col. A. E. Smith, ODDR&E
Capt. W. D. Dietz, ONI
Capt. F. B. Gorman, ONI
Lt. L. C. Martinez, ONI
Mr. C. Dalrymple, ONI

Lt. Col. K. R. Duncan, AFCIN
Maj. H. C. Howard, AFCIN
Col. S. W. Beerli, CIA
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Mr. P. G. Strong, CIA

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Approval of Minutes

1. COMOR-Minutes 26 and 27 (12 and 24 May) were approved.

Briefing on SAMOS E-5

2. Col. J. W. Winterbottom, AFCIN, introduced Maj. H. C. Howard, AFCIN, who presented a briefing on SAMOS E-5. Col. Winterbottom reminded the group that the security classification of the briefing was SECRET NOFORN and that only those were to be privy of SAMOS who were on the respective agencies' lists certified for the receipt of such information.

Intelligence Justification for Implementation of the TACKLE Program
(COMOR-D-2/4,)

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3. The COMOR approved the subject paper as amended. It has been distributed as COMOR-D-2/4 Final.

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Weekly Coverage of Cuba

5. The Chairman referred to a memorandum prepared for General Lansdale and distributed to the Special Group on 25 May 1961 and an excerpt from the minutes of that meeting. Col. W. C. Herrington, JCS, and Cdr. H. D. Myles, ONI, confirmed that the request for photo recce over Guantanamo Naval Base was not to be in lieu of U-2 coverage but was rather to permit full detailed coverage by CINCLANT "when intelligence indicates the possibility of a rapid buildup of Cuban forces which would jeopardize U. S. control of the Guantanamo Naval Base."

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6. The Chairman reported that he had learned of but had not yet seen the memorandum from the Department of State requesting that no activities be engaged for the immediate future which might, through some incident, embarrass the U. S. Accordingly, for at least a week there would be no reconvergence of Cuba. The Chairman stated that he would reconvene the group on 5 June 1961 in order to re-examine the circumstances at that time to see whether the next weekly coverage was indeed required. He urged that the COMOR in re-examining this question keep clearly in mind the importance of exercising restraint and critical judgment in order that by virtue of our activity over Cuba we do not jeopardize important programs still pending.

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JAMES Q. REBER

Chairman

Committee on Overhead Reconnaissance

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